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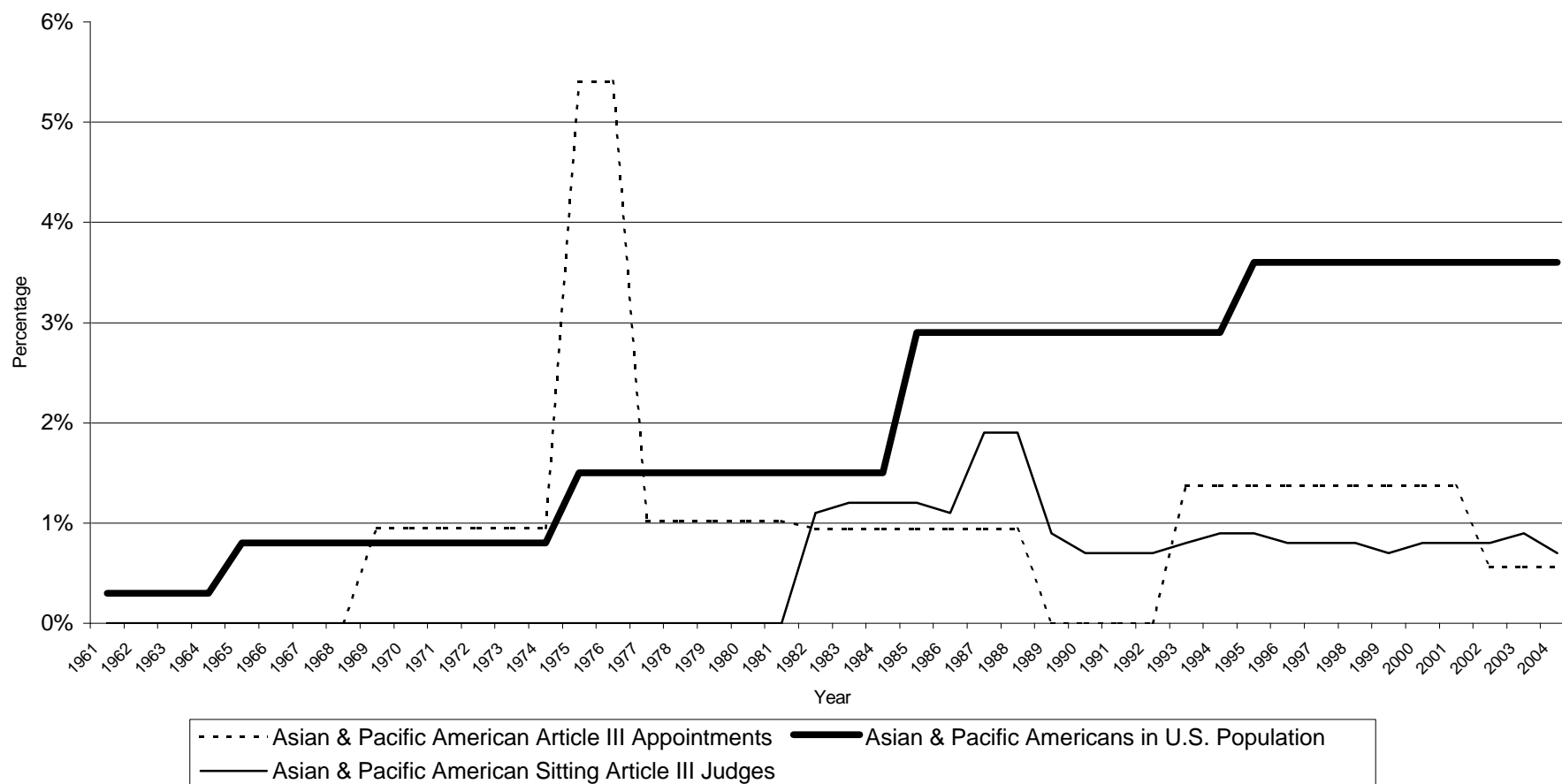
### **SOURCES**

–*Information on Article III judges, commission dates, and appointments* comes from the Federal Judges Biographical Database available on the Federal Judicial Center’s website, <http://www.fjc.gov>.

–*Calculations of the number of sitting Article III Judges* are derived from the Judiciary Fair Employment Practices Annual Reports published by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

–*The Asian & Pacific American Percentage of U.S. population* data comes from the official census taken by the United States Census Bureau every ten years. These documents also apply the percentage of the Asian American population in the census year to the five preceding years and the four years that follow.

**Asian & Pacific Americans  
as a Percentage of U.S. Population,  
Article III Appointments,  
and Sitting Article III Judges  
1961-2004\***



\* Multi-year average for each president  
Graph 1

Fair Employment Practices Office, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

**Asian & Pacific Americans  
as a Percentage of U.S. Population,  
Article III Appointments, and Sitting Article III Judges  
1961-2004\***

Year				Asian & Pacific Americans in U.S. Population	Asian & Pacific American Sitting Article III Judges
	Article III Appointments				
	Total	Asian & Pacific Americans			
	#	#	%	%	%
President Kennedy					
1961	42	0	0.0%	0.3%	
1962	48	0	0.0%	0.3%	
1963	14	0	0.0%	0.3%	
Total Kennedy	104	0	0.0%		
President Johnson					
1964	13	0	0.0%	0.3%	
1965	31	0	0.0%	0.8%	
1966	66	0	0.0%	0.8%	
1967	33	0	0.0%	0.8%	
1968	21	0	0.0%	0.8%	
Total Johnson	164	0	0.0%		
President Nixon					
1969	22	0	0.0%	0.8%	
1970	49	0	0.0%	0.8%	
1971	60	1	1.7%	0.8%	
1972	28	1	3.6%	0.8%	
1973	21	0	0.0%	0.8%	
1974	31	0	0.0%	0.8%	
Total Nixon	211	2	0.9%		
President Ford					
1975	13	1	7.7%	1.5%	
1976	24	1	4.2%	1.5%	
Total Ford	37	2	5.4%		
President Carter					
1977	29	1	3.4%	1.5%	
1978	27	0	0.0%	1.5%	
1979	129	0	0.0%	1.5%	
1980	59	1	1.7%	1.5%	
1981	50	1	2.0%	1.5%	
Total Carter	294	3	1.0%		
President Reagan					
1982	56	2	3.6%	1.5%	1.1%
1983	28	0	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%
1984	38	0	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%
1985	75	0	0.0%	2.9%	1.2%
1986	42	0	0.0%	2.9%	1.1%
1987	42	1	2.4%	2.9%	1.9%
1988	38	0	0.0%	2.9%	1.9%
Total Reagan	319	3	0.9%		

\* as of 12/04  
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**Asian & Pacific Americans  
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Article III Appointments, and Sitting Article III Judges  
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Year				Asian & Pacific Americans in U.S. Population	Asian & Pacific American Sitting Article III Judges
	Article III Appointments				
	Total	Asian & Pacific Americans			
	#	#	%	%	%
President Bush I					
1989	15	0	0.0%	2.9%	0.9%
1990	51	0	0.0%	2.9%	0.7%
1991	55	0	0.0%	2.9%	0.7%
1992	61	0	0.0%	2.9%	0.7%
Total Bush I	182	0	0.0%		
President Clinton					
1993	28	0	0.0%	2.9%	0.8%
1994	95	1	1.1%	2.9%	0.9%
1995	51	1	2.0%	3.6%	0.9%
1996	21	1	4.8%	3.6%	0.8%
1997	36	1	2.8%	3.6%	0.8%
1998	62	1	1.6%	3.6%	0.8%
1999	33	0	0.0%	3.6%	0.7%
2000	39	0	0.0%	3.6%	0.8%
Total Clinton	365	5	1.4%		
President Bush II					
2001	28	0	0.0%	3.6%	0.8%
2002	48	0	0.0%	3.6%	0.8%
2003	68	1	1.5%	3.6%	0.9%
2004	35	0	0.0%	3.6%	0.7%
Total Bush II	179	1	0.6%		

\* as of 12/04  
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**Asian & Pacific Americans  
as a Percentage of  
U.S. Population, Article III Appointments, and Sitting Article III Judges  
1981-2004\***

Year	Asian & Pacific Americans in U.S. Population	Article III Appointments			Article III Sitting Judges								
					Circuit Court			District Court			All Courts		
		All	Asian & Pacific Americans		All	Asian & Pacific Americans		All	Asian & Pacific Americans		All	Asian & Pacific Americans	
	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
<b>President Reagan</b>													
1982	1.5%	56	2	3.6%	126	1	0.8%	492	6	1.2%	618	7	1.1%
1983	1.5%	28	0	0.0%	140	2	1.4%	520	6	1.2%	660	8	1.2%
1984	1.5%	38	0	0.0%	142	2	1.4%	533	6	1.1%	675	8	1.2%
1985	2.9%	75	0	0.0%	147	2	1.4%	520	6	1.2%	667	8	1.2%
1986	2.9%	42	1	2.4%	153	1	0.7%	556	7	1.3%	709	8	1.1%
1987	2.9%	42	0	0.0%	157	1	0.6%	558	6	1.1%	715	7	1.0%
1988	2.9%	38	0	0.0%	158	1	0.6%	577	6	1.0%	735	7	1.0%
<b>Total Reagan</b>		<b>319</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.9%</b>									
<b>President Bush I</b>													
1989	2.9%	15	0	0.0%	151	1	0.7%	554	5	0.9%	705	6	0.9%
1990	2.9%	51	0	0.0%	160	1	0.6%	555	4	0.7%	715	5	0.7%
1991	2.9%	55	0	0.0%	156	1	0.6%	555	4	0.7%	711	5	0.7%
1992	2.9%	61	0	0.0%	160	1	0.6%	565	4	0.7%	725	5	0.7%
<b>Total Bush I</b>		<b>182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>									

**Asian & Pacific Americans  
as a Percentage of  
U.S. Population, Article III Appointments, and Sitting Article III Judges  
1981-2004\***

Year	Asian & Pacific Americans in U.S. Population	Article III Appointments			Article III Sitting Judges								
					Circuit Court			District Court			All Courts		
		All	Asian & Pacific Americans		All	Asian & Pacific Americans		All	Asian & Pacific Americans		All	Asian & Pacific Americans	
	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	%
<b>President Clinton</b>													
1993	2.9%	28	0	0.0%	156	0	0.0%	559	5	0.9%	715	5	0.7%
1994	2.9%	95	1	1.1%	149	0	0.0%	576	6	1.0%	725	6	0.8%
1995	3.6%	51	1	2.0%	166	0	0.0%	700	6	0.9%	866	6	0.7%
1996	3.6%	21	1	4.8%	161	1	0.6%	623	6	1.0%	784	7	0.9%
1997	3.6%	36	1	2.8%	183	1	0.5%	655	6	0.9%	838	7	0.8%
1998	3.6%	62	1	1.6%	195	1	0.5%	641	6	0.9%	836	7	0.8%
1999	3.6%	33	0	0.0%	148	1	0.7%	601	4	0.7%	749	5	0.7%
2000	3.6%	39	0	0.0%	144	1	0.7%	603	5	0.8%	747	6	0.8%
<b>Total Clinton</b>		<b>365</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.4%</b>									
<b>President Bush II</b>													
2001	3.6%	28	0	0.0%	134	1	0.7%	579	5	0.9%	713	6	0.8%
2002	3.6%	48	0	0.0%	151	1	0.7%	628	5	0.8%	779	6	0.8%
2003	3.6%	68	1	1.5%	167	1	0.6%	648	6	0.9%	815	7	0.9%
2004	3.6%	35	0	0.0%	166	0	0.0%	664	6	0.9%	830	6	0.7%
<b>Total Bush II</b>		<b>179</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.6%</b>									

**Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges**  
**Current and Historical Summary Chart**  
**by Court**

<b>Current Totals</b>				
	<b><u>District Court</u></b>	<b><u>Circuit Court</u></b>	<b><u>Supreme Court</u></b>	<b><u>Totals</u></b>
Total Asian & Pacific American Active Judges	6	0	0	6
Active Women Judges	2	0	0	2
Active Chief Judges	0	0	0	0
Total Senior Judges	2	1	0	3
Senior Women Judges	0	0	0	0
Total Active & Senior Judges	8	1	0	9
<b>Historical Totals*</b>				
	<b><u>District Court</u></b>	<b><u>Circuit Court</u></b>	<b><u>Supreme Court</u></b>	<b><u>Totals</u></b>
Total Asian and Pacific American Article III Appointments	12	4	0	16
Women Judges	2	0	0	2
Chief Judges	2	0	0	2

\* "Historical Totals" reflect the number of Asian and Pacific American appointments in each category and include both current judges and persons whose judicial service has terminated.

## Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges In Chronological Order of Commission

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Court</u>
<b>Nixon</b>		
04/23/1971	Choy, Herbert Young Cho	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
06/28/1972	King, Samuel P.	U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii
<b>Ford</b>		
04/25/1975	Wong, Dick Yin	U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii
05/07/1976	Takasugi, Robert M.	U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
<b>Carter</b>		
10/12/1977	Tang, Thomas	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
06/30/1980	Tashima, A. Wallace	U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
01/01/1981	Heen, Walter Meheula*	U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii
<b>Reagan</b>		
06/21/1982	Fong, Harold Michael	U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii
10/01/1982	Kashiwa, Shiro	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
05/07/1987	Lew, Ronald S.W.	U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
<b>Clinton</b>		
10/09/1992	Unpingco, John S.**	U.S. District Court for the Territory of Guam
08/10/1994	Chin, Denny	U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
06/30/1995	King, George H.	U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
01/04/1996	Tashima, A. Wallace	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
10/14/1997	Ishii, Anthony W.	U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
06/23/1998	Mollway, Susan Oki	U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii
<b>Bush II</b>		
09/26/2003	Sabraw, Dana M.	U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

\*Recess Appointment

\*\*Territorial Judge (Non-Article III Judge)



**Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges**  
**Rank by Order of Appointment\*\***  
**by Commission Date**

Judge Name	Appointing President	Commission Date	Appointment Rank			
			Female	District Court	Circuit Court	All Courts
Choy, Herbert Young Cho	Nixon	04/23/71			1	1
King, Samuel P.	Nixon	06/28/72		1		2
Wong, Dick Yin	Ford	04/25/75		2		3
Takasugi, Robert M.	Ford	05/07/76		3		4
Tang, Thomas	Carter	10/12/77			2	5
Tashima, A. Wallace*	Carter	06/30/80		4		6
Heen, Walter Meheula***	Carter	01/01/81		5		7
Fong, Harold Michael	Reagan	06/21/82		6		8
Kashiwa, Shiro	Reagan	10/01/82			3	9
Lew, Ronald S.W.	Reagan	05/07/87		7		10
Chin, Denny	Clinton	08/10/94		8		11
King, George H.	Clinton	06/30/95		9		12
Tashima, A. Wallace*	Clinton	01/04/96			4	13
Ishii, Anthony W.	Clinton	10/14/97		10		14
Mollway, Susan Oki	Clinton	06/23/98	1	11		15
Sabraw, Dana M.	Bush II	09/26/03	2	12		16
** For example, the number "2" in the "Female" column designates the second appointment of an Asian & Pacific American female to an Article III court. A number "5" in the "All Courts" column represents the fifth appointment of an Asian & Pacific American to any Article III Court.						

\* Multiple Commissions

\*\*\* Recess Appointment

Chart 6

**Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges**  
**Rank by Order of Appointment\*\***  
**Alphabetical Order**

Judge Name	Appointing President	Commission Date	Appointment Rank			
			Female	District Court	Circuit Court	All Courts
Chin, Denny	Clinton	08/10/94		8		11
Choy, Herbert Young Cho	Nixon	04/23/71			1	1
Fong, Harold Michael	Reagan	06/21/82		6		8
Heen, Walter Meheula***	Carter	01/01/81		5		7
Ishii, Anthony W.	Clinton	10/14/97		10		14
Kashiwa, Shiro	Reagan	10/01/82			3	9
King, George H.	Clinton	06/30/95		9		12
King, Samuel P.	Nixon	06/28/72		1		2
Lew, Ronald S.W.	Reagan	05/07/87		7		10
Mollway, Susan Oki	Clinton	06/23/98	1	11		15
Sabraw, Dana M.	Bush II	09/26/03	2	12		16
Takasugi, Robert M.	Ford	05/07/76		3		4
Tang, Thomas	Carter	10/12/77			2	5
Tashima, A. Wallace*	Carter	06/30/80		4		6
Tashima, A. Wallace*	Clinton	01/04/96			4	13
Wong, Dick Yin	Ford	04/25/75		2		3
** For example, the number "2" in the "Female" column designates the second appointment of an Asian & Pacific American female to an Article III court. A number "5" in the "All Courts" column represents the fifth appointment of an Asian & Pacific American to any Article III Court.						

\* Multiple Commissions

\*\*\* Recess Appointment

Chart 7

## Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges

### Judicial History By Commission Date

	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Chief Judge</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Termination</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>Choy, Herbert Young Cho</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	04/23/1971		10/03/1984	03/10/2004	Deceased
<b>King, Samuel P.</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	06/28/1972	1974-1984	11/30/1984		
<b>Wong, Dick Yin</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	04/25/1975			12/26/1978	Deceased
<b>Takasugi, Robert M.</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	05/07/1976		09/30/1996		
<b>Tang, Thomas</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	10/12/1977		10/12/1993	07/18/1995	Deceased
<b>Tashima, A. Wallace</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	06/30/1980			01/08/1996	Elevated
<b>Heen, Walter Meheula*</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	01/01/1981			12/16/1981	Not Confirmed
<b>Fong, Harold Michael</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	06/21/1982	1984-1991		04/20/1995	Deceased
<b>Kashiwa, Shiro</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	10/01/1982			01/07/1986	Retired
<b>Lew, Ronald S.W.</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	05/07/1987				
<b>Unpingco, John S.**</b> U.S. District Court for the Territory of Guam	10/09/1992			04/30/2004	Expiration of Appointment
<b>Chin, Denny</b> U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York	08/10/1994				

\*Recess Appointment

\*\*Territorial Judge (Non-Article III Judge)

## Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges

### Judicial History By Commission Date

	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Chief Judge</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Termination</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>King, George H.</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	06/30/1995				
<b>Tashima, A. Wallace</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	01/04/1996		06/30/2004		
<b>Ishii, Anthony W.</b> U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California	10/14/1997				
<b>Mollway, Susan Oki</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	06/23/1998				
<b>Sabraw, Dana M.</b> U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California	09/26/2003				

\*Recess Appointment

\*\*Territorial Judge (Non-Article III Judge)

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## Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges

### Judicial History

#### By Name

	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Chief Judge</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Termination</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>Chin, Denny</b> U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York	08/10/1994				
<b>Choy, Herbert Young Cho</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	04/23/1971		10/03/1984	03/10/2004	Deceased
<b>Fong, Harold Michael</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	06/21/1982	1984-1991		04/20/1995	Deceased
<b>Heen, Walter Meheula*</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	01/01/1981			12/16/1981	Not Confirmed
<b>Ishii, Anthony W.</b> U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California	10/14/1997				
<b>Kashiwa, Shiro</b> U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	10/01/1982			01/07/1986	Retired
<b>King, George H.</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	06/30/1995				
<b>King, Samuel P.</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	06/28/1972	1974-1984	11/30/1984		
<b>Lew, Ronald S.W.</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	05/07/1987				
<b>Mollway, Susan Oki</b> U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	06/23/1998				
<b>Sabraw, Dana M.</b> U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California	09/26/2003				
<b>Takasugi, Robert M.</b> U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	05/07/1976		09/30/1996		

\*Recess Appointment

as of 12/04

\*\*Territorial Judge (Non-Article III Judge)

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Chart 9

## Asian & Pacific American Article III Federal Judges

### Judicial History

#### By Name

	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Chief Judge</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Termination</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>Tang, Thomas</b>					
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	10/12/1977		10/12/1993	07/18/1995	Deceased
<b>Tashima, A. Wallace</b>					
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California	06/30/1980			01/08/1996	Elevated
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	01/04/1996		06/30/2004		
<b>Unpingco, John S.**</b>					
U.S. District Court for the Territory of Guam	10/09/1992			04/30/2004	Expiration of Appointment
<b>Wong, Dick Yin</b>					
U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii	04/25/1975			12/26/1978	Deceased

\*Recess Appointment

\*\*Territorial Judge (Non-Article III Judge)

**Asian & Pacific American  
Bankruptcy Judges  
In Alphabetical Order**

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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Sex</u></b>	<b><u>Court District</u></b>	<b><u>Active</u></b>	<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>Termination</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Chinen, Jon J.	Male	Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	05/01/1976	07/31/1992	Retired	
Rhoades, Brenda T.	Male	Texas (Eastern)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	09/01/2003			

**Asian & Pacific American Magistrate Judges**  
In Alphabetical Order

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Sex</u></b>	<b><u>Court</u></b>	<b><u>Active</u></b>	<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>Termination</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Chang, Kevin S.C.	Male	Hawaii	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/19/2000		
Chen, Edward M.	Male	California (Northern)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/23/2001		
Go, Marilyn D.	Female	New York (Eastern)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3/10/1993		
Ing, Lawrence N.C.	Male	Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	By 1986		
Kobayashi, Leslie E.	Female	Hawaii	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8/2/1999		
Lum, Jennifer T.	Female	California (Central)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2002		
Manibusan, Joaquin, Jr.	Male	Guam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/9/2004		
Matsumoto, Kiyo A.	Male	New York (Eastern)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7/12/2004		
Nakazato, Arthur	Male	California (Central)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8/13/1996		
Pham, Tu M.	Male	Tennessee (Western)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/21/2003		
Quitiquit, S.V.	Male	Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	By 1986		
Tokairin, Bert S.	Male	Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	By 1986		
Watanabe, Michael J.	Male	Colorado	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/12/1999		



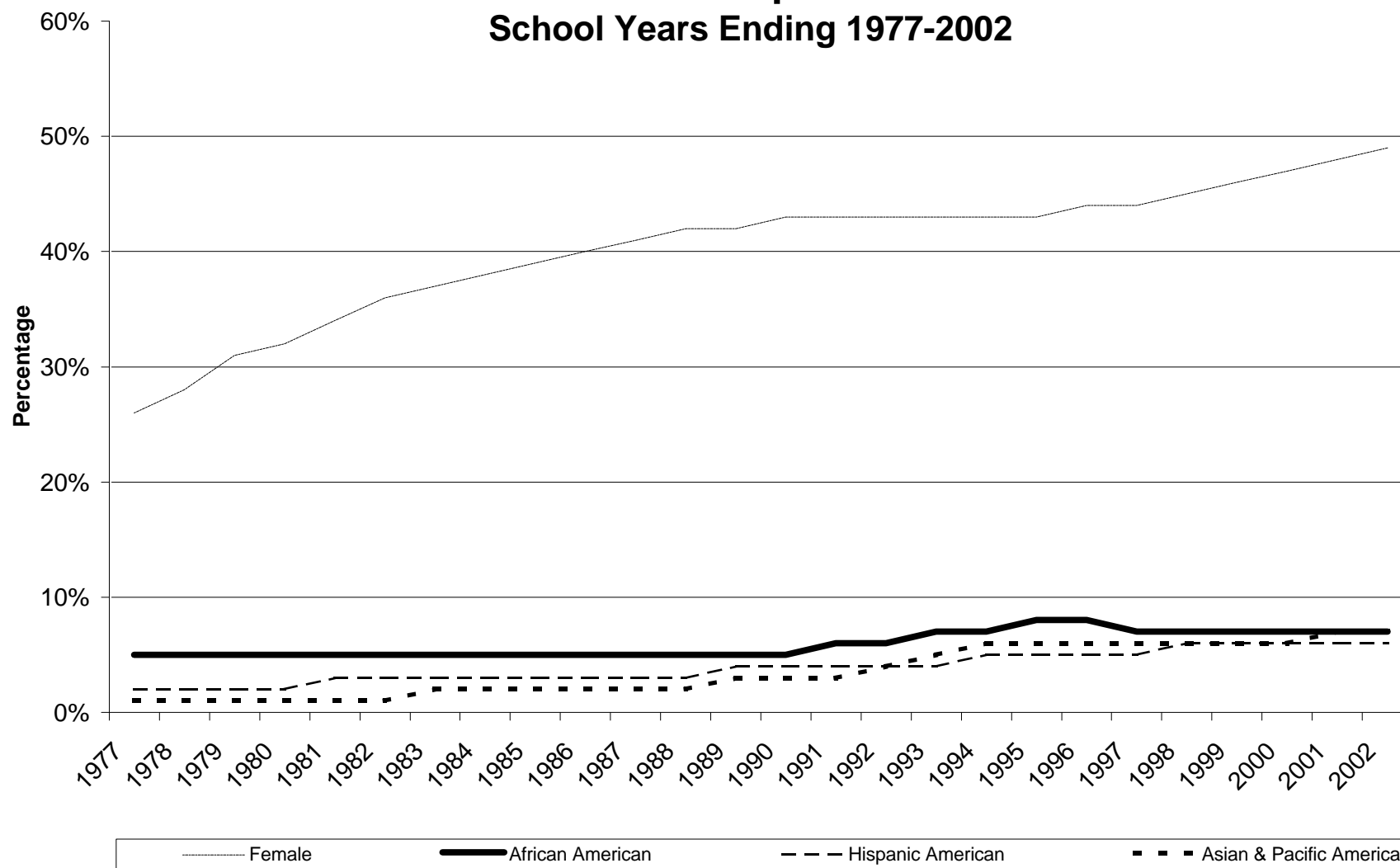
**Asian & Pacific American Magistrate Judges**  
**In Alphabetical Order**

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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Sex</u></b>	<b><u>Court</u></b>	<b><u>Active</u></b>	<b><u>Appointment</u></b>	<b><u>Termination</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Yamashita, Francis I.	Female	Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10/1992	11/30/2001	

# Percentage of U.S. Law School Enrollment for Selected Groups

School Years Ending 1977-2002



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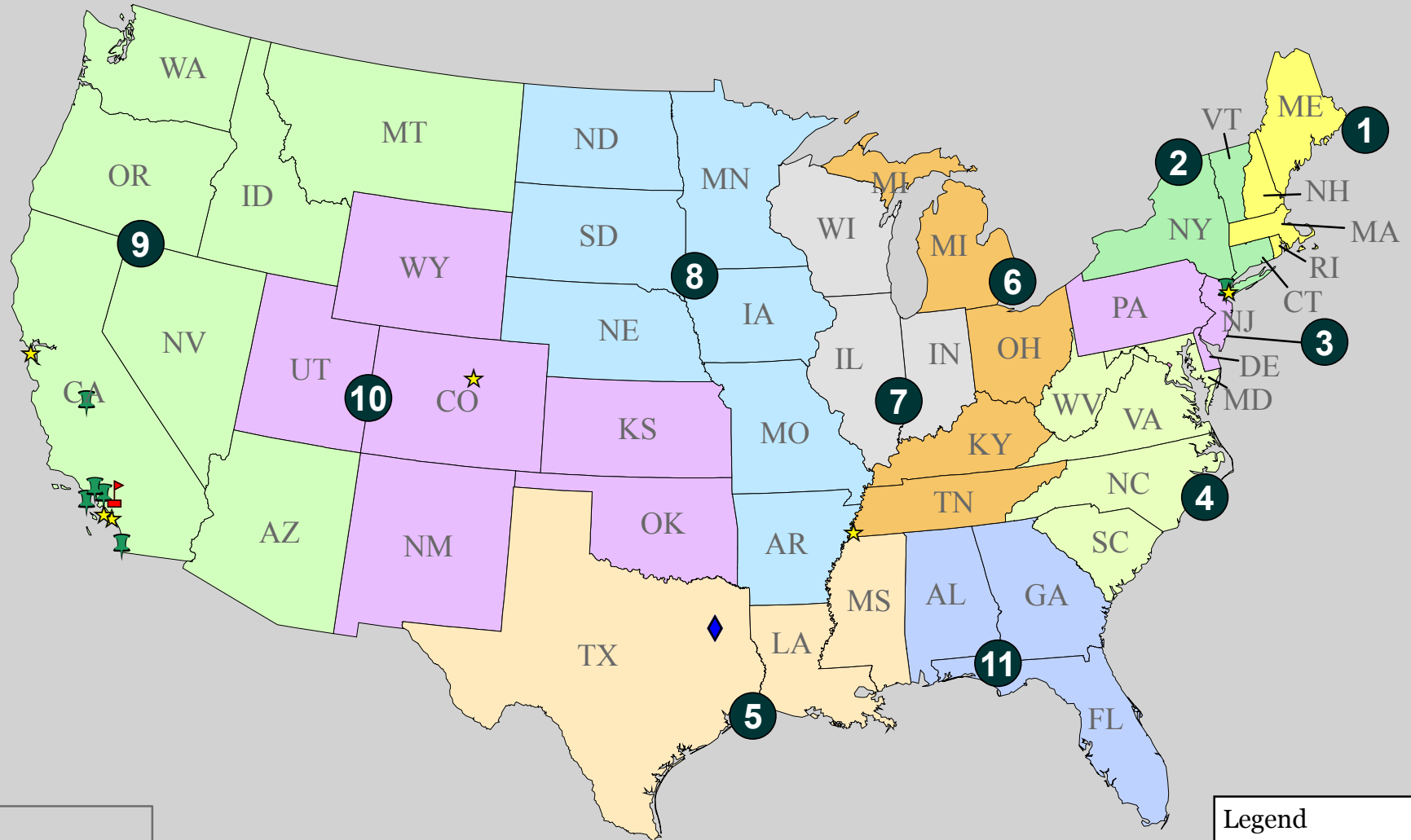
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<b>School Year Ending</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic American</b>	<b>Asian &amp; Pacific American</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
1977	26%	5%	2%	1%
1978	28%	5%	2%	1%
1979	31%	5%	2%	1%
1980	32%	5%	2%	1%
1981	34%	5%	3%	1%
1982	36%	5%	3%	1%
1983	37%	5%	3%	2%
1984	38%	5%	3%	2%
1985	39%	5%	3%	2%
1986	40%	5%	3%	2%
1987	41%	5%	3%	2%
1988	42%	5%	3%	2%
1989	42%	5%	4%	3%
1990	43%	5%	4%	3%
1991	43%	6%	4%	3%
1992	43%	6%	4%	4%
1993	43%	7%	4%	5%
1994	43%	7%	5%	6%
1995	43%	8%	5%	6%
1996	44%	8%	5%	6%
1997	44%	7%	5%	6%
1998	45%	7%	6%	6%
1999	46%	7%	6%	6%
2000	47%	7%	6%	6%
2001	48%	7%	6%	7%
2002	49%	7%	6%	7%

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# Asian American Federal Judges by Location

As of June 4, 2004



## Legend

- Appellate Judge (1)
- District Judge (8)
- Bankruptcy Judge (1)
- Magistrate Judge (8)